

On the Wings of Girl Scouting Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Ceremony



Please stand for the presentation of the colors - Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and thank for coming today to honor our Bronze, Silver and Gold Award recipients as well as our 10 year pin recipients and graduating seniors. This year we have ____ Gold Award recipients, ____ Silver Award recipients, ____ Bronze Award recipients, ____ Ten Year pin recipients and ____ graduating seniors to honor.

As we fly on the wings of Girl Scouting, we honor those that have earned our highest award, the Gold, as well as those that have reached milestones along the way. The journey through Girl Scouting is a progression. From the first awkward flights of the Daisy Girl Scout to the Graceful soaring of the Senior Girl Scout, it is a flight that is full of challenges, dreams and opportunities. At each level of Girl Scouting these young ladies have the opportunity to spread their wings and fly a little higher, allowing them an increasingly better view of world around them and their part in it. Girl Scouts Allows them to Become their very best, Belong to something bigger than themselves, Believe in themselves and others and Build a better world.

Now we have a brief video presentation to share with you that shows who our award recipients are and what they have done to earn the highest awards in Girl Scouting. Each girl will receive a copy of this.

(Show video presentation, dim the lights)

We will now light a candle for each of the levels of Girl Scouting, pausing to honor those who have earned the awards along the way.

1. We light a candle for the youngest level of scouting the Daisy Girl Scouts. This is the very first level that introduces girls to the fun and friendship of Girl Scouting. Here girls first start to flap their tiny wings and take their first peek outside of the nest and their familiar surroundings of home and family. They are not quite ready to fly, but are eager to learn.
2. We light a candle for the Brownie Girl Scouts. In this level of Girl Scouting girls begin to reach out beyond their family to explore new horizons, try new things and meet new people. Here they begin to learn how to fly on their own and their wings take them airborne up over and around the nest, giving them a peek at world around them. They venture out as a group, and their ability to fly improves quickly.
3. We light a candle for Junior Girl Scouts and the Bronze Award. At this level of Girl Scouting, the girls seek opportunities to demonstrate their skills and gain recognition. They learn to plan, give service to others and take on more responsibility. These girls are finally ready to fly out away from the nest. While most will generally still venture out in groups, many will begin to venture out on their own. Their flights may be short and a little uneven, but their view of the world has expanded and changed. There are new opportunities and friendship to be found as they expand their horizons. As their flight improves they soar to new levels.

The girls that flew just a little higher earned the Bronze Award. This is the highest award to be achieved by Junior Girl Scouts. To receive this award a girl must earn two badges, complete the Girl Scout signs, Earn the Junior Aide Patch or Leadership award, and plan and carry out a Bronze Award project of at least 15 hours. Most of these girls have completed their projects as a group effort and in doing so have learned a little more about themselves, the world around them, and the impact they can have on others. Each of our girls tonight

will receive her Bronze Award pin, a certificate, a CD of the video presentation, and a pin and corsage for her leader. We will also present each girl with a pair of Silver wings in the hope that they will continue on the wings of Girl Scouting and earn the Silver Award.

As your troop number is called please come forward with your leaders to receive your bronze award. *(Give out pins, CDs, certificates, wings and corsages to leaders, reads troop profiles)*

Congratulations to all our Bronze Award Recipients.

4. We light a candle for Cadette Girl Scouts and the Silver Award. As they enter this level, they are preteens, as they leave they are full fledged teenagers. Their social circle is constantly enlarging. These girls begin to make their own decisions, explore careers, travel, plan their own activities and try out their new leadership skills, while helping younger Girl Scouts and giving back to their communities. Not only have their flights become higher and longer, but they are beginning to notice younger scouts trying to follow their flight pattern. Their confidence is beginning to blossom, they fly a little higher and notice there are more flying below them and far fewer flying above them.

The girls that fly a little higher than the rest earn the Girl Scout Silver Award. This award is the highest award that can be earned by a Cadette Girl Scout. It is a symbol of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and the community. Girls that receive this award have earned 3 Interest Project Awards that relate to their project and have earned the Dreams to Reality Award, which is all about careers. They earn the Cadette Leadership Award which requires 25 hours of leadership and they complete the five parts of the Cadette Challenge Pin. Each girl is then required to design, plan and carry out a minimum of 30 hour Silver Award project. Many girls at this level complete their projects on their own. Service Unit 5 did not have any Silver Awards this year, hopefully we will have some next year.

5. We would now like to honor those who have earned the 10 Year Pin. For those who started as Daisy Girl Scouts, they may have completed 10 years before they begin the next level of Senior Girl Scouts. Some girls joined Girl Scouts later, or progressed further before earning this pin, but all of these girls have given a decade of their time, a majority of their young lives to flying on the wings of Girl Scouting.

Will the following girls please come forward to receive the 10 Year Pin:

(call up each girl alone and give each her pin, and certificate)

6. We light a candle for the Senior Girl Scouts and the Gold Award. These girls have entered the final level of Girl Scouting on the girl level. Adventure, travel, and meeting new people, and exploring places they have never been, have been balanced with expanded leadership skills, new levels of responsibility and a deep interest in community service. By spreading their wings and flying higher and farther, these girls have accepted the challenge to look wider still. By the time these girls complete Senior Girl Scouting they are ready to take on full leadership roles, and be contributing members of the adult community. They are teaching younger girls to spread their wings and fly by setting an example for all to see. These girls have flown higher and reached for the sky. They soar with grace and fly with eagles. They fly solo now and there are very few flying above them, as they have risen above the crowd.

Those very special few have reached their fullest potential and earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. This is the highest award that a Girl Scout may earn. Each of our Gold Award recipients tonight has earned 4 Interest Project Awards that related to her Gold Award Project. Each has earned the Career Exploration Pin and the Senior Leadership Award which requires 30 hours of leadership. She has completed the five parts of the Senior Girl Scout Challenge. Finally each girl was required to design, plan and implement a minimum of 50 hour Gold Award Project that meets an expressed need in the

community, and will have a lasting impact on society. These girls have not only excelled on the wings of Girl Scouting, but have left their mark for all that fly after them, and on their communities.

The flight of Girl Scouting will be forever changed, as they have been part of it and added their own special style to it. They have spread their wings to their fullest and flown to the highest level possible. They are able to handle any challenge that comes their way as they leave childhood and enter adulthood and a whole new flight. These young women fly at an imposing speed towards the future. There are no limits for they have soared on the wings of Girl Scouting. We honor these girls' accomplishments in earning the Gold Award while hoping that each one will continue on the wings of Girl Scouting and become Adult Girl Scouts. All of our girls have all done an outstanding job and we salute them. We are proud to now present our Gold Award recipients.

As your name is called please come forward with your leader and your parents.

Call each girl forward individually to receive the award while giving a description of their project. Girls receive pins, a CD, and certificates and pin their mothers. Leaders receive a floral corsage and pin from the 1st girl. Read individual profiles

Parents and leader are seated and girl may give a brief 2 minute speech if she chooses.

After all girls have been presented their awards:

Will all the Gold Award recipients please come to the front of the room to accept the Gold Award Challenge.

(all girls line up across the front of the room, FACING the audience)

CHALLENGE: We challenge each of our girls tonight to accept this award in the spirit in which it is given. Know that with this award comes responsibility. You each enter a covenant of esteemed women who are regarded with honor and respect. We challenge you to live worthy of this honor by living by the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all you do. Receiving the Gold Award is not just one celebratory moment, but a lifetime commitment. Girls please give the Girl Scout sign and repeat after me: *(read one part at a time and have all girls repeat together)*

I affirm my dedication, to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I understand my obligation, to live with honor, and to lead by example, because the highest award of Girl Scouting, has been entrusted to me. I will do my best, to support other Girl Scouts, on their road to Gold, and to give back to Girl Scouting, what is has been given to me. I will respect others, and live worthy of respect, as one forever bound, to the ideals of Girl Scouting.

Girls May be seated.

7. Last, but not least we light a candle for the Adult Girl Scouts. These are the volunteers that hold the Girl Scouting program together. Many were never Girl Scouts as a girl, but have chosen to give their time to this worthwhile program. Many others came up the ranks as young girls and have made the choice to teach a new generation of girls how to fly on the wings of Girl Scouting. We have 10 girls who are graduating from high school this year and will have the choice to continue the flight in a leading role and give back to Girl Scouts what has been given to them. We hope each one will decide to continue on as an adult Girl Scout in some capacity. These girls are about to enter a whole new world with the opportunity to spread their wings and truly soar through life. With the skills they have learned on the wings of Girl Scouting, we know they will be successful in any flight they take. We give each of these girls a set of Girl Scout Green Wings in hopes that they will choose to continue on as Adult Girl Scouts. Will the following girls please come forward.

Read the names, high school, and plans for college. Give a graduation certificate and pin as they come up.

Please stand for the retrieval of the colors.

Will *all* our award recipients please come forward now. Let's please have a round of applause for all the award recipients. Congratulations!

Thank you for coming. Will our award recipients please stay up front for some photos. Please feel free to look at the presentations the girls have prepared on their projects that have been placed around the room and join us for refreshments.

Photos of entire group and each group of award recipients (bronze/silver/gold/10yr/Grads)

Kathy Little - 2004

Music "I Believe I Can Fly" From Space Jam by R. Kelley

" I Believe I Can Fly"

by R.Kelley

From the movie, Space jam
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**I used to think that I could not go on
and life was nothing but an awful song.
But now I know the meaning of true Love,
I'm leaning on the Everlasting Arms.**

**If I can see it
then I can do it
If I just believe it
there's nothing to it**

**I believe I can fly
I believe I can touch the sky
I think about it every night and day
Spread my wings and fly away
I believe I can soar
I see me runnin' through that open door**

I believe I can fly
I believe I can fly
I believe I can fly

See, I was on the verge of breaking down
Sometimes silence can seem so loud
There are miracles in life I must achieve
But first I know it starts inside of me
Oh, if I can see it
then I can be it
If I just believe it
there's nothin' to it

I believe I can fly
I believe I can touch the sky
I think about it every night and day
Spread my wings and fly away
I believe I can soar
I see me runnin' through that open door
I believe I can fly
I believe I can fly....
Oh, I believe I can fly

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